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In re application of

Gerard VALAT et al. Conf. 8369
Application No. 10/518,519 Group 3728
Filed: December 29, 2005 Examiner Marie d. PATTERSON
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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May 12, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this paper.